

GREEKTOWN SSA#16

MARCH 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Commissioners Attending

Anastasia Makridakis, (AM)
Eve Moran, (EM)
Lorraine Rieff-Liakouras, (LL)
Maria Tsourapas, (MT)
Constantine Vitogiannis, (CV)

Commissioners Absent

Frank J. Caputo
Tom Paspalas

Others Attending

Patti Doyle, (PD), Exec. Director WCA
Tia Angelos, (TA), Program Director
Dean T. Maragos, (DTM), Advisor
Andrew Burton, President of 770 W. Gladys Lofts
Alderman Gilbert Villegas, 36th Ward
Oneida Pate, DPD
Maira Zantidis, ENOSIS, via Zoom
Marty, Alderman Conway's Agent

I. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Community Participation – Andrew Burton, 36th Ward Alderman Gilbert Villegas, Oneida Pate and Maira Zantidis attended the meeting from the public.

III. Review and Vote on Approval of SSA #16 February 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes – There was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV to accept the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Greek Heritage Parade Sponsorship & Security – Maira Zantidis, (MZ) from the Federation of Hellenes or ENOSIS addressed the Commission on behalf of President Kostas Chaniotakis. The City has requested we have balusters in the street to prevent vehicles from harming the parade members. Marty, Alderman Conway's agent informed the Commission that the Alderman would manage the use of the balusters.

There was a presentation by MZ requesting additional money from the SSA for ENOSIS. The Commission stated there was no written proposal before the Commission and informed MZ that they need to get the documents on these matters immediately to AM and the Commission. MZ emailed a request for an additional donation to help cover this year's float price increase. There was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV for \$5,000 to be paid for the parade to increase line item 1.02 for \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

MT wants recognition from the parade to the SSA for all the assistance that the SSA has given. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to effectuate that. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Security Camera Rebate Application Review –

- a. 9 Muses Bar & Grill sent out their proposal for the Commission's consideration. There was a motion made by AM and seconded by CV to pay the security rebate of \$3000.00 to 9 Muses pending the proof of installation. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. RFP Bookkeeper – After much discussion, there was a motion made by EM and seconded by CV to issue an RFP for a new Bookkeeper for the SSA. The motion passed unanimously. Further, to aid efficiency, the RFP itself would be circulated to all Commission members with opportunity to voice objections within a set time.
- D. Auditor Proposals – After much discussion there was a motion by EM and seconded by CV to hire Bravos Accounting Firm to do our audits for \$3,400. This was the lowest bid. The motion passed unanimously. There was a motion by EM and seconded by AM to approve Bravos' audit proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Office Lease Status with Peerless Building, LLC Lease – At 2:27 p.m. the SSA #16 Commission went into Closed Session. At 3:00 p.m. the SSA #16 Commission came out of Closed Session.
- F. Bylaws Review – This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- G. Greektown Sweatshirts – CV said to consider doing sweatshirts for our patrons to be seen and get marketing strength at the Greektown Parade with Greektown sweatshirts. there was a motion made by CV and seconded by EM to purchase 200 sweatshirts at \$25 apiece. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports & Updates

- A. Chairman Report – There was no Chairman Report.
- B. Art Chair Report – EM reported that she is polishing up the work on the new art sculpture. Some of the fabricated models will be sent to Greek Schools through the Educational Foundation.
- C. Program Manager/Sole Service Provider Report – TA stated we had a very good restaurant week. The 34th Ward was made aware of the receptacle liners needing replacement. Their Chief of Staff, Dan Luna, contacted Streets and Sanitation's Superintendent to replace all the liners in the city receptacles. The SSA #16 wanted to sincerely thank the 34th Ward Office and Streets & Sanitation Superintendent Tom Swan.
- D. Security Committee Report – There was no Security Report.

VI. Adjournment – At 3:19 p.m. there was a motion by EM and seconded by CV to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The next SSA #16 Commissioner meeting will be on April 22, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the SSA office.